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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 22, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES P. MCGOVERN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 30 minutes and each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JACKSON of Illinois) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

This weekend, Lord, made it possible to draw in deeply the fresh breath of autumn's air and notice the slight hesitancy in the season's coloring.

Let Your grace now burst forth upon this Nation. Set us on fire with compassionate love and a zeal for justice.

With violence, oppression, poverty and unfaithfulness all around us, we cannot, we will not lose sight of Your kingdom and its values. Enkindle within government and the people of this Nation a deep desire for what are lasting values and for what leads to the common good of us all.

Shake from us weak commitments and indifference that, as Your people, we may prove ourselves as colorful as the picturesque forest in sowing seeds of freedom and giving You glory now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PASCRELL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PASCRELL led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

GRATITUDE FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS NATIONAL GUARD

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome the 26 men and women of the 786th Quartermaster Battalion led by battalion commander LTC Michael McDonald back home to the Virgin Islands. It was an emotional homecoming yesterday after 14 long months, as all honored the memory of McDonald's cousin, LTC David Canegata III, and MSG Floyd Lake, who died when their Black Hawk helicopter was shot down in Iraq in January. Just last week I joined the families at the interment in Arlington Cemetery of the commingled remains of the 12 men and women who were lost that day.

MSG Hillis Benjamin, speaking for her fellow soldiers, summed up that running the base in Taji and making sure the troops were fully supplied had been a long, hard deployment for the battalion, and Commander McDonald thanked the soldiers for their "professionalism, commitment and patriotism," attributing their success to their working together as a strong team.

Mr. Speaker, I join my community in thanking God for their safe return and pray for the safe return of all of the members of the VI National Guard and all the other brave men and women who are serving today in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, it is time to begin to bring all of the troops in Iraq home.

CONGRATULATING LOUISIANA GOVERNOR-ELECT BOBBY JINDAL

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate our colleague, BOBBY JINDAL, who on Saturday was elected to serve as the

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